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Title: SYSTEM AND METHODS FOR INFERRING INFORMATIONAL GOALS AND PREFERRED LEVEL OF DETAIL OF ANSWERS

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**REPLY TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NON-PROVISIONAL  
APPLICATION DATED AUGUST 20, 2001**

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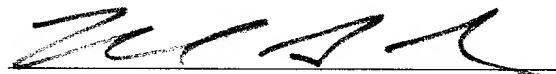
Dear Sir:

This is a Reply to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Non-Provisional Application mailed August 20, 2001. Enclosed is an executed Oath and Declaration, substitute drawings in accordance with 37 CFR 1.84 and a copy of the Notice. A Preliminary Amendment is being filed concurrently herewith, and entry and consideration of the Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested prior to performing substantive examination of the subject patent application.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$1,050.00 for the late Declaration and the three month extension.

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Respectfully submitted,



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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

**FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)**

***Filing Date Granted***

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.**

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
  - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

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